

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain in the application and stand finally rejected. Claims 1, 12, and 18 have been amended. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested as they place the claims in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the final rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following reasons.

Claim Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 102 (Rawlings)

Claims 1, 4, 5, 10-13, and 15-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,338,369 to Rawlings et al. ("Rawlings"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As fully explained in the last response submitted by Applicant on February 21, 2007 ("last response"), Rawlings provides a completely different framing configuration in that it does not teach or suggest the recited air vents on all sides of the frame of the photovoltaic module. However, the last office action takes the position that claims 1 and 12 do not require the plurality of air vents to be on all sides of the frame. Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to explicitly recite that the frame members having the plurality of air vents are on all sides of the frame. Claim 18 has also been accordingly amended. It is thus respectfully submitted that claims 1, 12, and 18 and their respective dependent claims are patentable over Rawlings.

Other Claims

Claims 2, 3, 6-9, and 14 are not rejected in the last office action.

In any event, claims 2, 3, 6-9, and 14 are patentable over Rawlings at least for depending on patentable base claims.

Conclusion

For at least the above reasons, it is believed that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408)436-2112 for any questions.

If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-2427.

Respectfully submitted,
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